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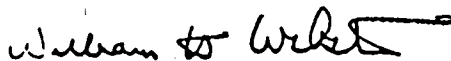
The Honorable Joseph R. Wright, Jr.
Acting Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Director of Central Intelligence on enrolled bill H.R. 5043, the "Post-Employment Restrictions Act of 1988." The purpose of this legislation is to strengthen and clarify current criminal conflict of interest statutes that apply to the post-employment activities of executive branch personnel and to establish criminal conflict of interest prohibitions to apply to the post-employment activities of personnel of the legislative branch.

After reviewing this legislation, I have determined that it would not adversely interfere with the intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. I therefore would have no objection on that basis to the President signing this bill. The bill's provisions may, however, make it more difficult for the Government to recruit highly qualified persons into senior positions in the national security area. I would hope that the President would give this serious consideration in making his decision.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

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